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### **Wildfire Smoke Continues To Affect North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – As wildfires continue to burn across Canada, smoke and hazy conditions will persist in North Dakota over the coming days. The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) reminds residents with respiratory conditions, young children, and the elderly to avoid, and all others to limit, strenuous outdoor activities while smoky conditions remain across the region.

Elevated levels of particulate matter, a component of wildfire smoke, have been detected at all NDDoH air quality monitoring sites across the state. The levels of particulate matter fluctuate with weather patterns, so the quality of the air at different locations around the state can vary from day to day.

Particulate matter can be irritating to the respiratory system, especially for those who suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or conditions such as asthma and allergies. If a person finds themselves reacting to smoke to the extent that it is affecting their breathing, they should seek immediate help from a medical provider.

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